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Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending: September 22, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 22, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting row crops and hay. Planting of winter wheat and ryegrass was also in full swing. Fieldwork was slowed during the week due to wet conditions. High moisture in corn remains a concern of producers. Soil moisture is 1 percent very short, 20 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	77	62	86	65	1	1	20	62	16
	Silage Harvested	100	97	99	94					
Cotton	Open Bolls	95	93	96	87	0	2	25	59	14
	Harvested	14	9	22	10					
Rice	Mature	92	87	97	82	0	2	14	61	23
	Harvested	77	62	82	50					
Sorghum	Mature	100	97	95	91					
	Harvested	85	81	80	65	0	2	29	66	3
	Silage Harvested	90	78	88	88					
Soybeans	Turning Color	78	70	82	62					
	Shedding Leaves	56	50	54	35	1	2	19	70	8
	Harvested	26	20	33	12					
Wheat	Planted	3	1	2	5	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	98	94	100	--	--	--	--	--	--
Peanuts	Harvested	20	13	--	--	0	2	11	83	4
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	37	31	40	46	0	0	8	72	20
Pecans						1	6	40	46	7
Cattle						1	4	22	64	9
Pasture						1	7	33	52	7

County Agent Comments

"Cotton harvest is in full swing. Moisture continues to run high in corn. Field drying conditions have been poor. Early fall calf prices are terrible. Ryegrass is going in to graze calves this winter for next spring's sales."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Pastures, hay, and late-planted soybeans have benefitted from the rain this past week. Some buildings were damaged from the strong winds. Corn yields are varing from 50 to 125+ bushels per acre. Cotton harvest started this past weekend."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Harvest was slowed by wet conditions. Hay harvest and cotton harvest resumed in the latter part of the week. Harvest reports are good, with existing worries about continued wet conditions."

— Fred Rose, Webster County

Corn harvesting is moving quite well. Cattle producers are nearly finished with hay harvesting and have begun planting winter grazing crops."

— Mike Skipper, Winston County

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Weather Summary From September 16, 1996 to September 22, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	82	57	70	74	-4	1.58	+0.73	3	2.64	81	68	74	0.21
Cleveland	91	55											
Tunica	88	50	68	72	-4	1.82	+1.16	3	4.86	80	71	75	
Extreme/Average	91	50	69	73	-4	1.70	+0.94	3	3.60	81	68	74	0.21
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	87	50	67	71	-4	2.06	+1.10	3	6.55	81	65	73	0.15
Memphis	87	57	69	74	-4	1.74	+1.08	3	4.85				
Oxford	85	52	68	72	-4	4.13	+3.02	3	5.94				
Extreme/Average	87	50	68	72	-4	2.64	+1.73	3	5.78	81	65	73	0.15
3. Northeast													
Booneville	85	53	68	71	-4	3.10	+2.09	3	5.18				
Corinth	86	50	68	72	-4	2.41	+1.37	2	6.00				
Iuka	83	47	64			1.84		4	4.88				
Pontotoc	88	53	69	72	-3	3.61	+2.64	3	5.27	82	66	75	0.23
Tupelo	88	53	68	73	-6	3.73	+2.59	3	5.76				
Verona	88	53	69			3.51		3	5.40	82	65	73	0.30
Extreme/Average	88	47	68	72	-4	3.03	+1.99	3	5.42	82	65	74	0.25
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	92	57	72	75	-2	1.59	+0.87	2	3.92	89	74	81	
Greenwood	92	59	71	74	-4	0.28	-0.48	2	2.65				
Rolling Fork	92	55	72			2.74	+2.05	3	5.83	92	75	83	0.17
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	93	60	74	75	-1	0.89	+0.21	3	4.60				
Extreme/Average	93	56	72	75	-3	1.37	+0.66	3	4.18	92	74	82	0.17
5. Central													
Carthage	91	52	71	74	-3	1.54	+0.77	3	6.95				
Jackson	92	58	71	76	-6	0.15	-0.59	2	3.55				
Winona	82	52	66	72	-6	1.65	+0.83	1	3.84				
Extreme/Average	92	52	69	74	-5	1.11	+0.33	2	4.81				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	92	60	75			1.86	+1.19	3	3.62				
Columbus	91	55	70			1.03		2	3.79				
State University	92	60	74	74	-0	1.37	+0.49	4	4.08	84	67	74	
Extreme/Average	92	56	73	74	-1	1.45	+0.62	3	3.83	84	67	74	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	91	60	73			2.38		2	7.53	88	75	80	
Natchez	86	56	73	76	-3	1.20	+0.26	3	1.68				
Oakley	88	52	72			0.23	-0.36	3	2.75	89	69	79	
Vicksburg	92	57	72			0.59		1	3.09				
Extreme/Average	92	52	73	76	-4	1.10	+0.33	2	3.76	89	69	79	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	61	76	76	+0	1.58	+0.95	4	3.54				
McComb	92	64	74	75	-1	0.34	-0.46	2	2.81				
Extreme/Average	92	61	75	76	-1	0.96	+0.24	3	3.08				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	93	58											
Hattiesburg	92	61	76	76	+0	2.00	+1.43	4	4.95				
Laurel													
Meridian	90	56	71	75	-4	1.39	+0.64	2	5.37				
Newton	92	53	71	74	-2	2.01	+1.12	4	3.96	84	65	74	0.14
Extreme/Average	93	53	73	75	-2	1.80	+1.06	3	4.76	88	65	74	0.14
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	92	63	77			0.89		3	3.16				
Biloxi	90	66	78			1.41		3	18.59				
Gulfport	90	65	78	78	-0	0.60	-0.42	3	3.32				
Pascagoula	88	62	76	82	-6	1.55	+0.11	4	5.51				
Poplarville	92	64	78	77	+1	2.77	+2.19	3	4.69	88	72	81	0.21
Extreme/Average	92	62	77	79	-1	1.44	+0.43	3	7.05	88	72	81	0.21
State	93	47	72	75	-3	1.66	+0.83	3	4.63	98	65	77	0.19

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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